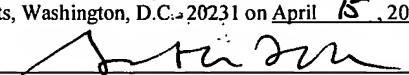


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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action of January 15, 2003, the response for which is due April 15, 2003. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 40 and 41: